[Ibuki Satsuki's Comic Collection]

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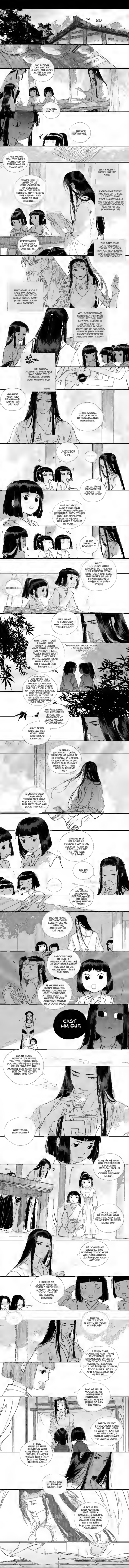
CHIRP
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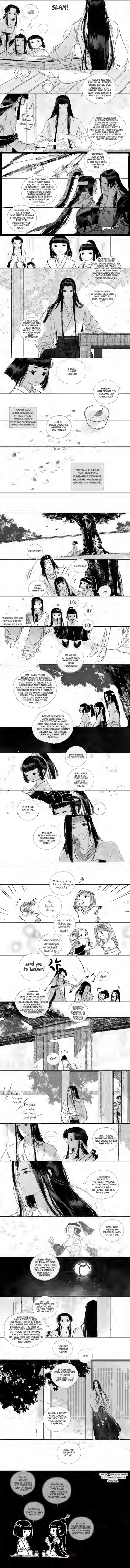
TAKE YOUR TIME AND EAT A LOT. THERE'RE MORE ON THE STOVE!
THANKS, AUNTIE.
THANKS, BIG SISTER.
THAT MEANS YOU TWO WERE PICKED UP BY FENGNIANG IN CHANG'AN?
TO MY HONEY BUNCH SWEETIE KINS:
THAT'S RIGHT. MANY OF US WERE CAPTURED BY SOLDIERS FROM THE REBEL FORCES. AUNT FENG'S UNIT ARRIVED AND CAME TO OUR RESCUE.
I'M LEAVING THOSE TWO KIDS UP TO YOU. I'D LIKE TO TAKE THEM IN. HOWEVER, IF THE THOUGHT UPSETS YOU, SEND THEM BACK, AND I'LL FIGURE SOMETHING OUT.
AFTERWARDS I BEGGED AUNT FENG TO TAKE US IN.
THE BATTLES OF LATE HAVE BEEN TOUGH. IT'S VEXING BUT I'VE BEEN EATING AND SLEEPING WELL, SO DON'T WORRY!
THAT ASIDE, A WHILE BACK MY MEN AND I RAIDED ONE OF THE REBEL FORCE'S CAMP SITES. THEIR LEADER WAS AMAZING!
WITH SPEAR IN HAND I STORMED THEIR MAIN TENT. GET THIS, THAT GUY WAS GETTING IT ON WITH 3 OF HIS CONCUBINES. MY GOD THEY TOOK UP POSITIONS I'D NEVER SEEN BEFORE. I DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO DESCRIBE WHAT I SAW—
——SO I DREW A PICTURE TO SHOW YOU! I WAS COMPLETELY STUNNED! HAHAHA! XOXO MISSING YOU, FENG
AH-TUO? WHAT DID FENGNIANG SAY IN HER LETTER?
...THE USUAL. JUST A BUNCH OF SCANDALOUS NONSENSE.
D-doctor Sun.
DID XU FENG PROMISE TO ADOPT THE TWO OF YOU?
SHE DID NOT... AUNT FENG SAID THAT FAMILY AFFAIRS REQUIRED BOTH YOURS AND HER APPROVAL. IF YOU'RE AGAINST IT, HER WORDS WOULD BE VOID...
OKAY THEN. I'M AGAINST IT.
WAIT! I-I DON'T MIND LEAVING, BUT PLEASE LET FENG'ER STAY. SHE HAS A BAD LEG. SHE WON'T BE ABLE TO WITHSTAND A VAGRANT'S LIFE-STYLE!
BROTHER...
HER NAME IS FENG'ER? WHAT HAPPENED TO HER LEG?
*MAGNIFICENT MAPLE VALLEY = FENGHUA VALLEY (枫华谷)
SHE DIDN'T HAVE A NAME. HER PARENTS MIGHT HAVE SIMPLY CALLED HER "GIRL". HER... FAMILY DIDN'T WANT HER. I MET HER IN THE MAGNIFICENT MAPLE VALLEY*, SO I NAMED HER FENG'ER.
SHE SAID SHE ONCE HAD A SORT OF ILLNESS. UNABLE TO AFFORD THE TREATMENT COSTS SHE COULD ONLY LIE IN WAIT FOR DEATH. LUCKILY, HER FEVER LATER SUBSIDED, BUT ONE OF HER LEGS STOPPED GROWING PROPERLY EVER SINCE.
WE FOLLOWED THE REFUGEES FROM THE MAGNIFICENT MAPLE VALLEY TO CHANG'AN...
AUNT FENG GAVE ME HER WORD. SHE SAID SHE'D KEEP US.
IN THESE TROUBLED TIMES, THERE'S NO LACK OF THE PITIFUL. IF I WERE TO TAKE IN EACH AND EVERY ONE WHOM I MEET, WHO THEN, WOULD RELIEVE ME?
I UNDERSTAND I'M MAKING THINGS DIFFICULT FOR YOU. BOTH YOU AND AUNT FENG ARE GOOD PEOPLE...
THAT'S WHY, SO LONG AS FENG'ER CAN STAY, I'M PREPARED TO LEAVE. LET ME BE THE ONE TO LEAVE!
GO ON THEN
YOU DELIVERED AN EMOTIVE PERFORMANCE, BUT YOUR ACTING NEEDS WORK
DID XU FENG SAY ANYTHING ELSE? TELL ME UPFRONT, AND SKIP NO DETAILS.
A-ACCORDING TO HER, IF, INSTEAD OF CASTING US OUT IMMEDIATELY, YOU ASKED US ABOUT WHAT ELSE SHE SAID,
IT MEANS YOU DON'T HAVE THE HEART TO CAST US OUT. THEREFORE, AT THIS POINT, THE MATTER OF OUR ADOPTION WOULD BE A DONE DEAL!
CAST HIM OUT.
SO XU FENG INTENDS TO ADOPT YOU TWO. THEREFORE, YOU HAD FENG'ER GREET ME AS "DADDY" THE MOMENT YOU STEPPED IN. YOU ON THE OTHER HAND, DID NOT.
WHAT WERE YOUR PLANS?
AUNT FENG SAID YOU POSSESSED EXCELLENT MEDICAL SKILLS AND A COMPASSIONATE HEART.
I WOULD LIKE TO BECOME YOUR DISCIPLE, AND CURE FENG'ER'S ILLNESS SOME DAY!
BECOMING MY DISCIPLE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ACKNOWLEDGING XU FENG AS YOUR MOTHER
YOU'RE CALCULATIVE IN SPITE OF YOUR YOUNG AGE.
I INTEND TO MARRY FENG'ER WHEN I GROW UP. I WON'T BE ABLE TO DO THAT IF WE BECOME SIBLINGS!
I KNOW THAT COERCING AUNT FENG ISN'T RIGHT. IT'S SHAMELESS OF ME TO TRY TO ADD TO YOUR BURDENS. EVEN SO I'D LIKE FENG'ER TO HAVE FOOD IN HER BELLY AND A WARM BED TO SLEEP IN...
TAKING US IN WOULD BE AN UNIMAGINABLE KINDNESS. IT WOULD NOT BE RIGHT TO ASK FOR MORE,
WHICH IS WHY I TOLD AUNT FENG THAT IF SHE WERE TO ADOPT FENG'ER AS HER CHILD, I WOULD WORK HARD TO EARN A LIVING.
IF YOU WERE TO HAVE CHILDREN WITH AUNT FENG IN THE FUTURE, FENG'ER WOULD NOT FIGHT FOR THE FAMILY INHERITANCE...
WHAT WAS XU FENG'S REACTION?
AUNT FENG SAID NOTHING. SHE SIMPLY SMILED... SOMEONE OUTSIDE THE TENT CALLED FOR HER, SO SHE LEFT FOR THE TRAINING GROUNDS.


Ah Tuo!
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SLAM!
Adopting you two is Xu Feng's wish. Since I've agreed to it, there are some matters which I should let you know
I'll do it, let me clear these away...
Many years ago, Xu Feng suffered serious injuries. That, coupled with years of hard battle and lack of professional care did a toll on her body. As it stands, it'd be very difficult for her to conceive.
Knowing her open mindedness, I did not hide this from her
In the time she's been with me, not a day went by without her doing her utmost to keep up a cheerful front. Every moment we shared, she spent with a smile on her face.
In spite of that, I know that she's always steeling herself for the possibility of us parting ways.
You were too scrupulous. Your initial motivation bore no fault. However, you padded your words with superfluous details and overstepped your boundaries.
Regardless whether Xu Feng was hurt by your words or not,
I will now discipline you in accordance to our house rules. Do you acknowledge your mistakes?
I do. I have erred!
Weren't you going to become my disciple?
Looking back after growing up, I thought this master, despite his stern appearance, had a tender heart
Yes, your disciple admits his mistakes!
That was the first time I received a punishment from him. Those instances were few and far between...
Feng'er!
Feng'er!
Want some sweets?
Ah
Lick
Lick
Lick
*Qiubao's tattoos ~ Feng'er doesn't seem like a pet
Feng'er, if I may ask, where are your parents?
Mm. Back then, there wasn't enough to eat. While scavenging for food outside, I ate something that made me sick. Daddy said my younger brother needed clothes, that there wasn't enough money for a doctor... so I laid down and slept. I slept on and on...
Later, soldiers came rushing in. Daddy took mummy and younger brother and fled. My leg, being deformed, didn't allow me to stand. And so, I was left alone...
This sweet is delicious...
I'll keep this for tomorrow or the day after, hehe.
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It's fine, eat it all up.
I'll buy more for you tomorrow, and the day after.
Behold, my proud dragon repents
Ahh! He's too strong!
Great Hero Qiubao you saved me again!
I have nothing I can give you as payback. I can only...
send you to heaven!
Ayah
Hmmph! Shall we give a warm round of applause to celebrate the 108th successful screening of 《Qiubao's Journey to Heaven》?!
Xiaoxiao, did you forget to take your sweets today?
Oof!
Brother, are you tired?
I'm fine. Feng'er, go ahead and play!
That kid's working hard. You disciplined him well!
...Thinking about it, it's been twelve or thirteen years since I met Xu Feng for the first time.
Time and again, we passed each other by.
Even after we finally got to be together, the time we had only lasted a few short months.
Ah Tuo, don't say that. You two will be fine, trust me on that.
See, you like and respect her so much as she does you. When the situation stabilizes, the two of you can get married and get your happy ending. Don't let her inability to have kids or regrets of that sort weigh you down...
You're wrong again.
Ah?
From the very beginning I liked her just the way she was.
Since I know what I want, the so called "regrets" of others,
are not regrets at all.
Shijie, Shijie* why is there a flower on top of your head?
Beats me. Xiaoxiao said it's something that all kids from Qingyan have!
Then why don't I have one too
No idea. Comb your hair more frequently and you might grow one too
*Shijie ~ term to refer to a senior female disciple.